#### SC HIV CARE CONSORTIA

AID Upstate 811 Pendleton Street, Ste 10 Greenville, SC 29602 (800) 755-2040

Catawba Care Coalition 1151 Camden Avenue Rock Hill, SC 29730 (877) 647-6363

Low Country HIV Care Consortium 5710 North Okatie Hwy, Ste B Ridgeland, SC 29936 (800) 403-2437

Lower Savannah Care Consortium 151 Waterloo St SW Aiken, SC 29801 (803) 643-1977

Midlands Care Consortium 2 Medical Park, Ste 502 Columbia, SC 29203 (803) 540-1000

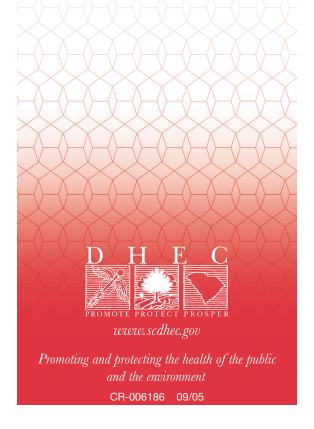
Pee Dee HIV Care Consortium (Hope Health) 825 West Evans Florence, SC 29501 (888) 841-5855

Piedmont Care Consortium 269 S Church Street, Ste 201 Spartanburg, SC 29306 (866) 454-7773 Tri-County Interagency AIDS Coalition 1550 Carolina Avenue Orangeburg, SC 29116 (800) 730-7178

Trident HIV Care Consortium 100 Doughty Street Charleston, SC 29425 (843) 792-7485

Upper Savannah Care Consortium 332 Main Street, Suite 302 Greenwood, SC 29648 (800) 604-4045

Waccamaw HIV Care Consortium 3926 Wesley Street, Ste 104 Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 (843) 236-9000



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

### **ADAP:**

### The South Carolina Ryan White Title II

**AIDS Drug Assistance Program** 



#### WHAT IS ADAP?

The South Carolina AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps people in South Carolina get medicines for HIV through the Central Pharmacy and the Insurance Assistance Program.

To get into ADAP, you must:

- Have HIV/AIDS
- Live in South Carolina
- Have a low income

You must also take your medicine and stick with it. Patients who do not take their medicine the way the doctor tells them to can lose their ADAP benefits.

## WHEN SHOULD I START MY MEDICINE?

Start your medicine when you know you are ready to stick with it. To stay healthy, you may need to change your meal times or take medicine at work.

If you aren't sure you are ready to start your medicine, you can "practice" using candy. Eat the candy at the times you would take your medicine. Practice helps you see if you could take your medicine on schedule.



## DO HIV MEDICINES HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?

All HIV medicines can have side effects. Some people have no side effects. Most side effects go away after a short time. Talk with your doctor about any side effects you have (even if they are small). Your doctor will decide if you should stop taking your medicines.

#### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADAP?**

If you want to apply to ADAP, fill out an application at the nearest CARE Consortium or at your local health department. To find a local CARE Consortium, call the South Carolina AIDS Hotline at 1-800-322-2437. Your phone call is free and confidential.

Once you find a location, make an appointment to fill out the ADAP application. Your local consortium or health department can help you fill it out. They can also tell you about other services that can help you.

# WHAT IS CENTRAL PHARMACY?

The Central Pharmacy (1-800-856-9954) sends out medicines to patients in ADAP without insurance. If you are in ADAP, there is no limit to the number of HIV medicines you can get.

You can get FREE HIV medicines if:

- You do not have health insurance
- Your total family income is LESS than 300 percent of the federal poverty level

If your income is OVER 300 percent of the federal poverty level, you may still be able to get medicines from the Central Pharmacy, but you will have to pay a small amount for your medicines.

### WHAT IS THE INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The Insurance Assistance Program (1-877-606-8498) helps you pay for eligible out-of-pocket costs or premiums if you have insurance for medicines.

- The Insurance Co-pay Assistance Program helps pay for prescription deductibles and co-pays.
- The Insurance Continuation Program helps pay your health insurance premiums if you lose your job or if you can't afford to pay the premiums. Your provider can help you apply for this program before your benefits expire.

## THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE HARD TIMES

- Join a support group. It helps to talk with other people. They can help you learn how to live with HIV.
- Find someone who can support you when you need it.
- Write down how you are doing. Each time you visit your doctor, write down your viral load and CD4 test results.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL

- Central Pharmacy
- Your local S.C. HIV Care Consortium